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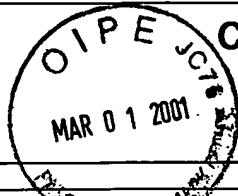
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This is a request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application number 09/063,978 filed on April 21, 1998, entitled DETECTION OF VERY LOW QUANTITIES OF ANALYTE BOUND TO A SOLID PHASE.

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an International application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

**C.I.P. NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation in part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of the CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.59(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 Statement:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a)

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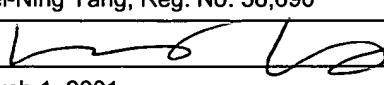
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